

November 13, 2013

The Board of Commissioners of the Bossier Levee District met in regular session on Wednesday, November 13 2013 at 10:00 o'clock a.m. at the Levee Board Office, 3404 Industrial Drive, Bossier City, Louisiana.

The President, Kenneth Loftin, called the meeting to order,

PRESENT: LOFTIN, SINCLAIR, LASSEIGNE, BRANTON, RABB, WEBB AND HARVEY CHRISTIAN, ENGINEER-DOTD

ABSENT: BANTLE, ALLEY AND LARKIN

The first order of business was opening prayer and Pledge of Allegiance by Commissioner Lasseigne.

On motion by Sinclair seconded by Lasseigne and duly passed; the Board adopted a resolution accepting the minutes of the regular meeting held on October 9, 2013.

REQUESTS BY VISITORS:

Kurt Nixon representing Paul Ibling a permit to widen Willow Chute and install outfall pipe into Willow Chute for assisted living complex, was tabled until December.

Butch Ford, Engineer for Bossier Parish Police Jury commented on Mr. Ibling's project concerning the fill and excavation and stated that Mr. Nixon will resubmit plans for the jury to review. No comments from public.

OLD BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

On motion by Lasseigne, seconded by Rabb and unanimously passed the Board authorized the Secretary to transfer \$125,000.00 from Morgan Stanley into checking account for expenditures and payroll. No comments from public.

Mark Long, Operations Coordinator for the Levee District discussed the lot the Levee District owns at Dogwood Trail and stated that he would like to have the lot graded and gravel placed on the lot. Butch Ford, Engineer for the Bossier Parish Police

Jury stated that the jury could provide trucks for hauling gravel and a motor grader to spread the gravel.

On motion by Lasseigne, seconded by Branton and unanimously passed the Board approved a resolution authorizing Mr. Long to purchase the gravel to be placed on the lot at Dogwood Trail not to exceed \$40,000.00. No comments from public

Mark Long, Operations Coordinator discussed the levee surfacing contract from Dogwood Trail north 3.4 miles .

After discussion and on motion by Sinclair, seconded by Lasseigne and unanimously passed the Board approved a resolution authorizing Mr. Long to acquire three (3) bids for the project with an estimated cost of \$100,000.00 which will place three inches of stone surfacing approximately 3.4 miles along the levee.

On motion by Sinclair, seconded by Lasseigne, the Board approved a resolution to reconsider the prior motion on the levee surfacing for voting as follows:

Yea: Sinclair, Lasseigne, Webb and Rabb

Nays: None

Absent: Larkin, Bantle and Alley

Abstaining: Branton

Commissioner Sinclair representing the insurance committee reported that the committee met with Kirk Thomas of Pulley White Agency which carries the general liability, property coverage, inland marine coverage, commercial auto, workers compensation, umbrella, employment practice liability and public official's liability at an annual cost of approximately \$200,000.00. Commissioner Sinclair further discussed the umbrella and public official policies. No comments from public

Commissioner Sinclair stated that the committee met with Jimmy Huckaby representing Blue Cross Blue Shield which carries the health insurance for the levee district and stated that there will be a decrease of 1.5% in the upcoming year.

Commissioner Sinclair stated that the current policy offers insurance to new employees after six months employment and the insurance committee changed this policy to state

that insurance be offered to new employees the first of the following month after employment. No comments from public.

Commissioner Sinclair stated that the life and accident death and dismemberment insurance with Met Life is paid one-half by the levee district and one-half by the employee and the committee recommended that the entire premium be paid by the employee. No comments from public.

On motion by Lasseigne, seconded by Branton and unanimously passed the Board approved a resolution changing the way the premium for Met Life is paid and adjust the pay of each employee by one half of the premium where the employee will pay the entire premium without additional cost to the employee.

LEVEE AND DRAINAGE:

Red Chute Levee Improvement Project

- September 25, 2013 received draft report from Dewberry Consultants on Red Chute Levee analysis.
- October 1, 2013 Denmon Engineering submitted the application for funding to the Statewide Flood Control Program.

Bossier Drainage Maintenance Initiative

- BLD Crew scheduled to start cleanout on Benoit Bayou south of I-220.

Herndon Ditch Timber Bridge Replacement*

- Request made to DOTD for drainage analysis to determine opening requirements.

Red Chute Bayou Levee Outfall Pipe Repairs

- Opening bids for HDPE Pipe Liners (pipe only) on November 14th at 10:00 am; estimate cost \$140,000. Estimated labor cost to install \$84,000.

Levee Surfacing

- Recommending 3 inches of additional stone surfacing on Red Chute Bayou Levee from Dogwood Trail north approximately 3.4 miles; estimated cost \$100,000.

Levee and Drainage Crews

- Mowing levees and channels
- Cleaning drifts from bridges on Red Chute Bayou and Flat River.
- Cleaning / snagging channel of Red Chute Bayou on Barksdale AFB.
- Inspecting levees, channels, and drainage structures; cleaning outfall pipes and flap gates.
- Servicing and repairing equipment.
- Making repairs to CMP culverts on Red Chute Bayou Levee in preparation for HDPE Liners.

APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURES:

On motion by Sinclair, seconded by Rabb , unanimously passed, approved the expenditures for Bossier Levee District in the amount of \$57,327.94.

ADJOURNMENT:

On motion by Webb, seconded by Rabb the meeting was adjourned.

Kenneth Loftin, President
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Mary Jane Easterly, Secretary